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SUBJECT: Response to Comments on the Draft Final Quality Assurance Project Plan and Quality Assurance Project Plan for the Yerington Mine Site, Lyon County, Nevada, dated September 19, 2003

Dear Mr. McCarthy:

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) has received and evaluated the **Response to Comments on the Draft Final Quality Assurance Project Plan and Quality Assurance Project Plan for the Yerington Mine Site, Lyon County, Nevada**, dated September 19, 2003 regarding the continued environmental investigation of the Yerington Mine, located in Lyon County near Yerington Nevada. This Project Plan (QAPP) is approved with the following qualifications:

In the Response to Comment 7A on Page 8 of the Response to Comments on the Draft Final Quality Assurance Project Plan ARC noted that to provide a level of comfort that method detection limits (MDLs) are adequate that they would provide a list of "analytical trigger levels" for the Process Areas Work Plan. They would also provide a comparison of the MDLs to the analytical trigger levels and a discussion would be provided where any MDLs are higher than the analytical trigger level. A similar comparison of MDLs to analytical trigger levels and discussion where any MDLs are higher than the analytical trigger level should be provided in all of the applicable area/task specific work plans for the Anaconda Copper Mine Site. Such a comparison and discussion should either be incorporated to the most current versions of those work plans or provided as an addendum to this Final QAPP, and should be provided in any future additional work plans

The comments have been satisfactorily addressed and the Final QAPP revised to reflect those comments. The regulatory agencies look forward to implementing the procedures called out in the QAPP in the upcoming Site investigations.

Should you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (775) 687-9376 or FAX (775) 687-6396. All future correspondence regarding this subject should be addressed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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